

**SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification starting at line 3 of page 23 as follows:

On the other hand, the light guide is arranged so that the distance between the resonator end surface portions of the light guide and the step difference  $S$  of the groove  $G$  ( $d_1$  and  $d_2$ , respectively) become greater than the distance between the portion of the light guide not including the resonator end surfaces and the step difference  $\{s\}$  of the groove  $G$ , distance  $X$  in Figure 4A. For example, in the configuration shown in Fig. 4A, the groove  $G$  is not formed in the vicinity of the resonator end surface portions of the light guide  $P$ , i.e.  $d_1, d_2 > X$ .